

Summer 2023

Quarterly Newsletter

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#### A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It's that time of the year – road construction season. The Town Board inspected our roads in April for possible repairs and maintenance with Scott Construction. The board decided to sealcoat and cold mix wedge the following roads or sections old roads: East Blake Road, Massie Drive, Ryan Road, Shirley Road from CTH PP to Blake, Shirley Road from CTH W to Morrison Road, Tetzlaff Road and Van Deurzen Drive. We also replaced four culverts on River Oaks Drive, of which only one will come out of the bridge fund. Also at Hickory Ridge and Solitude, the culvert is getting replaced. All of these culvert replacements will have cold mix wedging on them also. Like always, there's never enough money to do all the projects we would like to do, but overall, I think the roads are in pretty good shape.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday is weeks away. Please know the laws on which fireworks you can shoot off legally. Some fireworks require a permit and a signature from the Town Chairman. Please be courteous of your neighbors' pets and cattle with fireworks. Only YOU are responsible for your own actions, not the TOWN!

On May 9<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Board of Review. Our Assessor Bob Taicher has now retired after 22 years of service with our town. Bob always treated everyone fairly and did a great job. We now have contracted with Fair Market Assessments/Mike Denor for our Assessor duties. We wish Bob all the best luck in his retirement and his fishing!

Enjoy the summer weather and I hope to see you at the next Town Board meeting.

#### Thank you,

#### Dennis J. Cashman

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	Julie Koenig 920-336-2814	GrL: 639-6939; Morr 676-3203

#### Hello Rockland residents.

Summer is here and along with that comes what seems like an endless amount of orange barrels on roads everywhere. It is a necessary inconvenience that provides us with the ability to travel anywhere in a reasonable amount of time and do so safely here in Rockland or across the country. Our town road repairs will begin this summer and the interruption for most is minimal while the benefit will be good for all. Please be respectful of the workers and slow down around them. You are driving through their office and we all want to make it home safely at the end of the day.

Please be reminded to also call diggers hotline before any excavating or digging in your yard. Even if it is marked, you should still use some caution, as there could be additional lines or incorrectly marked lines. An auger will go through power lines with no problem, if marked incorrectly you are typically not responsible for the repairs.

Lastly, watch out for bikes running through the stop signs on the trail at our town roads. I've gotten feedback and see that it continues to happen. Enjoy the summer,

#### Matt





#### **Burning yard waste?**

Chief Mark DeCleene of Greenleaf can be reached at (920) 639-6939 or (920) 864-2200. In Morrison, the Chief is Jeff Pischke. Jeff can be reached at the same (920) 676-3203.

If you are doing any kind of rubbish or ditch burning, please give them a call to verify conditions are safe and to give them a heads up in case they get calls regarding the smoke, etc. If it will be a sizeable fire, please also call Brown County Sheriffs Non-emergency number 920-391-7450.

Hello Rockland,

Can someone tell me why there's a stairway to heaven, but there is a highway to hell? I guess it says a lot about the anticipated traffic.

Speaking of highways, we did our annual Rockland road inspection tour and at our last meeting decided which roads need repairs. Tetzlaff Road and Massie Drive are in need of serious repair with many others needing minor maintenance. The work will start soon.

On May 9th, we had our annual Board of Review. That's when citizens of our town can come and challenge the property tax assessments. No one appeared. Bob Taicher is our Assessor and has done a good job treating everyone fairly. Sadly after 20 years he is retiring.

The State of Wisconsin requires all property to be appraised at 100% of real value with a 10% high or low variance. All property in Rockland is currently valued at \$224 million dollars. Because of inflation, and recent property sales, Wisconsin established our value at \$253 million dollars of all property. We are now out of compliance with 87% value. State law requires us to revalue everyone's property up to the 100% mark. That will be done by the new assessor.

Inflation is currently at 7%. Everything we buy including our property is affected. Big government wins on inflation; they take in more money on sales tax and property tax collections. When we are revalued, this town board is ready to adjust the mill rate lower (currently at \$2.75 per \$1,000 value) one of the lowest in the county. However, we cannot predict what the school districts .technical school and county tax rate will be. The big winners of increased property values are the fire departments. They are paid on the value of the town property. Hopefully, we can negotiate a new contract.

On a lighter note, did you know laughing at you mistakes makes you live longer, but laughing at your wife's mistakes can shorten it? Growing old just happens but growing up, that's optional.

Warmest regards, Alan Lasee

#### **Important Dates:**

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays ea. month Planning Commission: (usually 2nd Thursday of ea. month) please check the calendar on the website



#### **ROCKLAND 4H NEWS**

The club had a very active April and May. We participated in the County 3 on 3 Basketball and Bean Bag Tournament. Members who don't normally get to play basketball and bean bag – got to show off their talents and did a really good job of it. We also had a bake sale, snack bar and a silent auction at the Wrightstown High School. There was lots to do on a Saturday morning. We also had our first craft day. It was designed as a fun day, but some fair projects were started. We had one section for wood signs, another section for creating coasters on large tile pieces, leathercraft items — key chains, bookmarks and pocket knife holders were started. Members worked on sewing pillow cases and other items. We also had rock painting.

Members and parents assisted customers by unloading cars at the Rockland Town Recycling Day. We processed 208 cars and we consider that a huge success. We also had a drop off for used shoes; 213 pairs were collected, which at the end of the cycle – an organization will ship to Africa. Part of this event, included a Bake Sale and Booyah. We will celebrate June Dairy Month at our next meeting with "make it yourself" ice cream sundaes and root beer floats.

We hope to see you at the Brown County Fair, August 16-20th at the Brown County Fairgrounds.

Town Clerk Hours: Monday 9:30-2:30, Tuesday 9:30-2:30, Thursday 9:30-2:30 or by appointment. Or please leave a message at 920-336-2814 or email Julie at jkoenig@rocklandbrownwi.gov



#### Hey Rockland,

Did you know you can rent the Town Hall for \$100/day, with a \$100 security deposit (refundable\*). The Rockland Town Hall is a great venue for get togethers, grad parties and showers and even small weddings. We can support your gathering with lots of tables and chairs and a full kitchen. We can accommodate parties too large for your home. Our new rental terms and ample parking make the town hall a very appealing venue for any resident hosting a party. Reserve your date today. \*conditions apply

#### **NEWS FROM YOU TREASURER**

The Town of Rockland held the annual Electronic Recycling Day on April 15. A total of 16,400 pounds of material was collected. Thank you to all who came to the electronic recycling event. We will hold this event again next year. The date is set for April 13, 2024.

There was a total of 208 vehicles that came to the electronic recycling day. The 4-H youth collected used or new shoes and boots on April 15. A total of 213 pairs were collected. These shoes will be sent overseas and repaired. Then they are sold at a discounted price to poor countries.

The 4-H youth helped unload the vehicles and had a bake sale and booyah that same day. Thanks to all who helped our local 4-H club by buying bakery and booyah.

If you have not gotten your dog license yet, please go the Town of Rockland website, fill out the form and send it to me with your check for the license and a self-addressed envelope. I will then issue a dog license for your dog. All dogs are required to have a license per the State of Wisconsin.

Keep up the good work of recycling. Remember that plastic bags cannot be put in the recycling container, that includes garbage can liners. Lawn cuttings and brush and building materials are not allowed in the garbage container.

I wish everyone a safe and blessed summer.

Mary Van Dyck, Treasurer

Construction Projects: Please be reminded to get your permits before your building or landscaping project. Permit fees double when taken out after the fact.

It's always better to call first and ask questions before you start your project. You could save big money by getting in contact with our Building Inspector, Bob Gerbers.

You can reach him by email at bgerbers@townofrockland.org, or by cell phone at 655-8602.

If you're planning any landscaping projects please know the following information:

- Be sure you know your surveyed lot lines and appropriate setbacks
- Do not plant anything other than grass in the town right of way. This is typically 35' from the centerline of the road.
- Berms must be more than 5' from the neighboring property lines and cannot cut off drainage
- Pools and ponds require permits

# 101st Annual GREENLEAF FIREMAN'S

## SATURDAY, JULY 15

NOON to 9:00 PM RAIN or SHINE
At our park (1588 Fair Road) just north of Greenleaf on STH 32-57





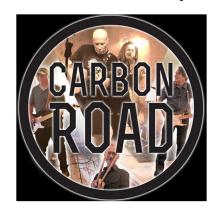


Waves Entertainment will play your requested tunes

Cornhole Tournament registration is @ noon - Play @ 12:30

Bucket Brigade sponsored by BEST Enterprises and Stone Creek Haven <u>including \$1,200 in shared prize money</u>
Men's & Women's division Registration begins @ 4:30 PM - Play @ 5 PM

Questions? Email us at: greenleaffire@new.rr.com Stay informed by following us on Facebook





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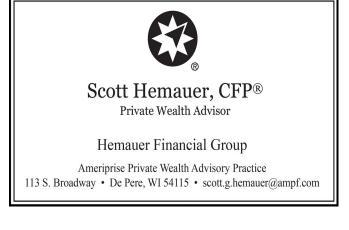
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